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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Patent Application of: **Toshiki Sugawara, Masaki Ohira  
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For: **MULTIPLE TRANSMISSION APPARATUS, MULTIPLEX TRANSMISSION  
NETWORKS, AND OPERATION METHOD THEREFOR**

### TYPE OF FILING

This new patent application is for a(n):

- ☐ Utility
- ☐ Design
- ☐ Plant
- ☐ Divisional
- ☒ Continuation
- ☐ Continuation-in-part

### Benefit of a prior filed application

- ☒ This is a continuation of continuation application Serial No.: 09/731,424 filed on December 6, 2000 which is a continuation of copending application Serial No. 08/863,675 filed on May 27, 1997 claims the benefit of an earlier filed U.S. Patent Application under 35 USC 120.
- ☒ Please accord Applicant the benefit of the priority date of May 31, 1996 to this case pursuant to 35 USC 119. Applicant's claim for priority is based on application 08-138011 filed in Japan on that date.

### Filing under 37 CFR 1.53 (Utility) or 37 CFR 1.153 (Design)

- ☒ This is an application filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53 or 37 CFR 1.153, permitting receipt of a filing date upon filing of a specification, at least one claim and necessary drawings.
- ☒ In the event any parts of this application are incomplete, please treat this as a filing under 37 CFR 1.53 or 37 CFR 1.153.

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- ☒ 52 pages of specification;  
☒ 2 pages of claims;  
☒ 2 pages of abstract;  
☒ 13 sheets of Formal drawings;  
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**INVENTORSHIP STATEMENT**

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is:

- ☒ the same;  
☐ not the same and, as an explanation, a statement is/ will be submitted.

**LANGUAGE**

The application submitted herewith is:

- ☒ in English;  
☐ in not in English and in terms of 37 CFR 1.52(d) a verified translation is  
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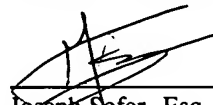
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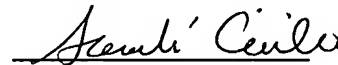
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